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MORE CONSUMERS' GOODS AVAILABLE

CONSUMERS' COOPERATIVES EXPAND -- Rzeczpospolita, No 278, 2 Oct 49

In 1949, cooperatives were included within the framework of the Economic Plan and their activities coordinated with the requirements of the financial program approved by the Economic Committee of the Council of Ministers. It has been a crucial year for Polish cooperatives, a year of development and organizational consolidation. Their membership has increased by 800,000 in the first 8 months of the current year to the present status of about 5 million. In view of the fact that trade-union members, small farmholders, artisans, and farmhands are potential members of cooperatives, the above figure might well reach the 7.5-8-million mark.

During the same period, a network of cooperative retail stores developed in towns and villages, with 2,918 stores added in towns and 3,584 villages, making a total of 31,526 retail stores by the end of September. There also were 598 wholesale outlets and 7,929 manufacturing units.

The entire network is supervised by 9,267 cooperatives which, in turn, are directed by nine central cooperative offices and three top state-controlled cooperatives.

The major handicap of the rural cooperative system is a lack of specialized, socially-minded personnel and of adequate facilities: too few warehouses, scales, rolling stock, etc.

One of the most pressing tasks of the Central Organization of Farm Cooperatives "Peasant Self-Help" will be professional and special training of personnel and improvement of purchasing and supply activities.

This applies also to the Central Organization of Consumers' Food Cooperatives, known as "Spolem" comprising 14,000 retail stores of which 11,000 come strictly under the category of consumers' food cooperatives.

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In first 6 months of 1949, total sales in consumers' food cooperatives were 110,526,000,000 zlotys, or 108 percent of the plan.

The 970 stores of Central Dairy Cooperatives supplying the urban population with dairy products worth 7 billion zlotys also belong to the category of consumers' cooperatives.

Finally, the most recent outfit is the Central Organization of Truck Farm Cooperatives which supplies city workers with vegetables and fruit. The lack of experienced personnel is to be blamed for the unsatisfactory functioning of these cooperatives in the last months. Moreover, the cooperatives do not have sufficient warehouse space to absorb this year's bumper crop of vegetables and fruits.

FOOD PRODUCTION ABOVE PLAN -- Rzeczpospolita, No 260, 11 Oct 49

The food industry's production for September was above plan. The fermentation industry produced 217,000 hectoliters of beer, 179 percent of plan; 3,940 hectoliters of wine, 153 percent; and 14,524 hectoliters of fruit must, 116 percent. The candy industry produced 2,244 tons of various kinds of candies, 119 percent of plan, and 148.5 tons of chocolate, 151 percent of plan. The coffee and food-substitute industry produced 227 tons of puddings and baking power, 249 percent of plan; 2,324 tons of coffee substitutes, 100 percent; and 1,790 tons of dried chicory, 168 percent.

VINEGAR FACTORY COMPLETES PLAN -- Rzeczpospolita, No 276, 7 Oct 49

The CCS Spolem Vinegar and Mustard factory in Walbrzych completed its yearly plan on 4 October. By the end of 1949, the factory will produce 200,000 liters of vinegar above plan.

MORE DAIRY PRODUCTS -- Rzeczpospolita, No 276, 7 Oct 49

In 1948, the Dairy Cooperatives supplied the nation with approximately 18,000 tons of butter, 216 million liters of milk, and 215 million eggs, while for the first 8 months in 1949, the Dairy Cooperatives supplied 13,867 tons of butter, 186 million liters of milk, and 247,000,000 eggs.

DEMAND FOR MARGARINE INCREASES -- Rzeczpospolita, No 276, 7 Oct 49

It is anticipated that by the end of 1949, approximately 17,100 tons of margarine will be produced while the planned production was 15,000 tons. Production during 1948 was 13,900 tons. Approximately 1,800 tons of margarine will be produced during October even though the total demand by the state and cooperative wholesale outlets is 2,850 tons.

The demand for refined oil is also great and for this reason the fats industry increased its original production plan for October in order to place 1,460 tons of refined oil on the market this month. The production plan for "Ceres" margarine was increased from 225 to 270 tons.

PLEDGE 700,000 TONS OF SUGAR -- Zycie Warszawy, No 262, 23 Sep 49

This year's bumper sugar-beet crop will provide for increased sugar production. The plan to produce 620,000 tons of sugar will be exceeded, as sugar-mill workers have pledged to produce 700,000 tons of sugar this year.

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WARSAW CLOTHING FACTORY TO EXPAND -- Zycie Warszawy, No 261, 22 Sep 49

The clothing factory at Number 4 Topolska Street in the Grochow suburb of Warsaw, is not yet completed, but already employs 800 people. About 3,500 will be employed before June 1950, mostly women. The work is entirely mechanized and organized for assembly line production. About 15,000 pieces of clothing were produced from 22 July to the present time. It is expected that in 1950 the factory will handle 25,000 meters of material daily.

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